Communal Riots in Andhra Pradesh

4628. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal riots took place in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons killed/ injured and missing and loss of property in each case caused by these riots in the State;

(c) the compensation given by Government and the State Government to the next of kin, injured and those who have lost their property in each riot in the State; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d): As per the available information, two communal riots took place in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, in which a total of 14 persons were killed and 128 persons were injured. Compensation to the next of the kin of those killed, to injured and those who have lost their property in each riot is paid by the State Government as per norms prevalent in the State.

The State Governments, which are primarily concerned with the maintenance of "Public Order" are advised, from time to time, for taking action against persons spreading ill-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities as per provisions of various laws. The Central Government has also issued revised guidelines to the State Governments for promotion of communal harmony and various measures have been suggested for controlling the communal situation. It also assists the State Governments by sharing the intelligence and providing Central Para-Military Forces as per their requirements.

Bomb Blasts in Andhra Pradesh

4629. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of bomb blasts that took place in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons killed injured and loss of property in each bomb blast case;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in each case and if so, the outcome of the enquiry; and

(d) the compensation given to the next of kin/injured in these blasts so far, and the action taken by Government to avoid such blasts in future?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Naxalism in Dandakaranya Region

4630. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an initiative to find a solution to the vexed problem of Naxalism in Dandakaranya region; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Union Home Minister convened a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa on 15.6.1998 at Hyderabad to review the action being taken by these States to curb the activities of left wing extremists. In this meeting, the following decisions were taken:—

(i) The existing laws such as the National Security Act will continue to be invoked by the concerned State Governments. Simultaneously, the State Governments could examine